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## Chapter 9: The NASA Security Program - Security Personnel, Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force Training and Certification

### 9.1 General

42 U.S.C. 2456a grants authority for the NASA Administrator to prescribe regulations approved by the Attorney General of the United States for the exercise of security program authority, including the assignment of Federal Arrest Authority. Those regulations are set forth in 14 CFR Part 1203b. This chapter identifies the requirements for granting Federal Arrest Authority and discusses use of force in conjunction with Federal Arrest Authority. If expeditious action is not required, the exercise of Federal Arrest Authority granted in accordance with this policy shall be coordinated with the responsible Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and local Office of the U.S. Attorney.

### 9.2 Applicability

This chapter applies to all NASA security personnel performing duties in a position to which they shall reasonably be expected to effect an arrest or use varying degrees of physical force to subdue or apprehend an individual. (NOTE: The provisions of this

chapter do not apply to NASA Inspector General personnel, whose arrest authority is derived from other sources.)

## **9.3 Responsibility**

9.3.1. The AA/OSPP is the designated Senior Agency Official for the NASA Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force program and is responsible for:

9.3.1.1. Directing the Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force program in accordance with applicable laws, NASA regulations, directives, and this NPR.

9.3.1.2. Reviewing and concurring on all Center nominations and plans to implement Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force, in consultation with representatives designated by the OGC, and the appropriate Mission Directorate Associate Administrator.

9.3.1.3. Reviewing and and approving appropriate administrative actions to correct abuse or violations of any provisions of this NASA regulation.

9.3.2. The DSMD is designated the Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force Program Manager. The DSMD is responsible for:

9.3.2.1. Informing the Senior Agency Official for Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force of any unresolved problems or any areas of interest in which Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force requirements are lacking and any other matters likely to impede NASA objectives in meeting Federal Arrest Authority requirements.

9.3.2.2. Periodically reviewing the Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force Program and recommending to the Senior Official any changes necessary.

9.3.2.3. Recommending to the Senior Official adequate internal safeguards and management procedures.

9.3.2.4. Coordinating, managing, and summarizing NASA's implementation of the Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force Program.

9.3.2.5. Accrediting training courses in Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force in accordance with the qualifications listed in Appendix D, Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force Qualifications and Training.

9.3.2.6. Seeking the direction and concurrence of the OGC and/or Department of Justice or their designee on matters related to the Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force Program.

9.3.3. Center Directors have the following responsibilities:

9.3.3.1. Implementing and maintaining the NASA Federal Arrest Authority program at their respective Center. Essential to implementing and maintaining a viable NASA Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force program at the Center level is ensuring that adequate numbers of qualified civil service personnel and contract security force personnel are identified, selected, and properly trained under NASA Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force requirements per Appendix D, Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force Qualifications and Training. This will be accomplished by:

(NOTE). Essential to implementing and maintaining a viable NASA Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force program at the Center level is ensuring that adequate

numbers of qualified civil service personnel and contract security force personnel are identified, selected, and properly trained under NASA Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force requirements per Appendix D, Federal Arrest Authority and Use of Force Qualifications and Training.

a. Providing the names and qualifications of any personnel nominated for FAA to the AA/OSPP for concurrence prior to assigning duties as a uniformed armed law enforcement official and/or armed, plain clothed, NASA Special Agent.

b. Immediately reporting any abuse or violation of this directive in writing to the DSMD.

c. Upon notification, immediately suspending from duty with pay or reassigning to other duties not requiring exercising Federal Arrest Authority, any person with Federal Arrest Authority accused of violations of Federal Arrest Authority procedures or instructions, pending investigation of the incident. In consultation with the Center Office of Chief Counsel, determining the case's disposition at the conclusion of the investigation.

9.3.4. Federal, State, and/or local law enforcement agencies generally have law enforcement jurisdiction at most NASA Centers. When State, and local law enforcement agencies do not have legal jurisdiction or, when they, and local federal law enforcement are unable to provide essential and consistent onsite law enforcement services in a timely and effective manner the CCS shall select NASA security employees and/or contractors for Federal Arrest Authority to ensure appropriate arrest capabilities.

9.3.4.1. Upon implementation of Federal Arrest Authority, the CCS shall coordinate with their supporting office of the FBI regarding procedures for the appropriate and timely transfer of arrested persons.

9.3.5. In consultation with the Center Office Chief Counsel, local Office of Inspector General, and responsible United States Attorney, the CCS shall develop appropriate chain of custody procedures and establish the necessary relationships with local law enforcement and Federal law enforcement agencies to ensure issuance and execution of necessary arrest warrants.

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